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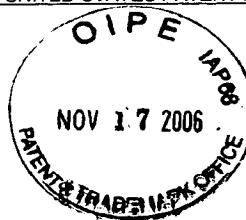
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Kirk SCHECKEL et al.

Application No.: 10/698,358

Filed: November 3, 2003

For: RUTHENIUM BASED CONTAMINANT SORBENTS...



Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: I. C. Cintins

Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: SCHECKEL=1

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[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
 No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS
TOTAL	* 26	MINUS ** 26	0
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL

SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 25	\$	x 50	\$
x 100	\$	x 200	\$
+ 180	\$	+ 360	\$
ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		TOTAL	

OR

OR

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 60.00
 [] Second - \$ 225.00
 [] Third - \$ 510.00
 [] Fourth - \$ 795.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 120.00
 [] Second - \$ 450.00
 [] Third - \$ 1020.00
 [] Fourth - \$ 1590.00

Month After Time Period Set

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[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ _____.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.